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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending and stand rejected and are therefore at issue. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

The Amended Claims Are Allowable Over the Cited Art

1. Section 102 rejections.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-10 as anticipated by Lakritz (U.S. Patent No. 6,623,529 B1). Applicants have amended Claim 1 and respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant's amended Claim 1 recites: "A language module (i) which is attachable to an appliance, (ii) which is configured to communicate directly with the appliance when so attached without the use of a network which extends outside the appliance, and (iii) which is configured to perform language-specific tasks by: receiving an instruction for language-specific processing from the appliance; and sending resulting data of the language-specific processing to the appliance."

Unlike Applicant, the modules of Lakritz are not configured to communicate with an appliance in any manner other than through a network—that of the World Wide Web. Thus, Claim 1 is allowable over Lakritz. Claims 2-10 either directly or indirectly recite language similar to that quoted above and are therefore allowable over Lakritz for at least the reasons given above.

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Conclusion

Claims 1-10 are now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next action is other than for allowance of Claims 1-10 or if the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to the above identified case, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 336-1100.

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